





As the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration progresses along Missouri's rivers and highways, travelers will pass Conservation Areas and Accesses. Most areas have frontage on the river, but some are a few miles back, perhaps on the Katy Trail or the highway trail

designated by familiar brown and white signs. Rules vary from area to area for many good reasons, but this document is designed to clarify and summarize those most critical to Lewis and Clark Trail travelers. The following rules apply to smaller parties, but **groups of 10 or more** wanting to camp, conduct events, moor overnight, etc. should contact the department for a special use permit.

**Camping:** Areas on the trail generally have one of five camping rules

- Closed to all camping
- Contact another managing entity (e.g. ramps located in city parks) for camping information
- Primitive camping in designated areas only
- Dispersed primitive camping
- Primitive river-approach-camping

River-approach-camping is new, and is permitted only through 2006. It allows visitors traveling by boat, from April 1 to September 30, to camp on any clear site within 100 yards of the river, unless posted as closed to camping. Note that the April 1 to September 30 limitation reflects the heavy usage of most areas for hunting and trapping activities during the fall and winter seasons.



Conservation areas are not campgrounds with developed sites, so expect only "primitive camping" on these areas: space only, with no other amenities, and on a first-comefirst-serve basis. Primitive camp users must adhere to all regulations including the restrictions of 3CSR 10-11.110 and 3CSR 10-11.14 (see below), and must remove all trash, properly dispose of



human waste, contain fires and extinguish them on departure, and not cut standing trees, shrubs or brush. Overnight mooring adjacent to riverapproach-camping camps and outside the navigation channel is allowed. Touring groups using river-approach-camping sites may allow over-land support teams to camp with them (walk-in) but not bring vehicles off of the road or parking lots. Groups of more than 10 should obtain a special use permit from the area manager.

**Boat access:** MDC owns or helped communities develop almost 50 boat ramps along the L&C trail. These are public access facilities, largely paid for by federal Sport Fish Restoration Act funds generated by excise taxes on fishing tackle, boats and boat fuel. They are first-come-first-serve facilities, with users expected to quickly clear the ramp area, park in designated areas, and be patient. These areas are closed to commercial activities, but we do allow commercial fuel delivery trucks to deliver fuel at any access on request from a boater, as long as the delivery does not block use of the ramp for more than 15 minutes. Similarly, commercial services providing sanitary pumpout, water delivery, etc. may use the ramps to service the requests of boaters. Expeditions and tour boats may drop gang-planks at ramps for short periods to load or unload passengers, but must not moor for more than 15 minutes in any way that impedes access by other users.

Information: Each Conservation Area has a bulletin board where area rules, brochures and emergency contact information should be posted. Where these are near the river but not at a boat ramp, a welcome sign on the river will indicate the best place to land.

The following table is organized in the order Lewis and Clark might have come across them as they traveled through what would later become Missouri. Areas that might once have been on the river may be separated today, and remember that the expedition was not just on water: at all times in Missouri, a land crew hunted for food, vantage points and information that could take them several miles away from the water. Additional information on the areas listed may be found in the Conservation Atlas, on-line at <a href="http://www.mdc.state.mo.us/atlas/">http://www.mdc.state.mo.us/atlas/</a>

When an entry cites "river mile," it is at the boat ramp (if there is one) or best site to access the area by boat. Areas on tributaries report the mile of the tributary mouth. Date citations reflect the date when the boats passed the Lewis and Clark expedition passed near the area.

Area	River Mile	Expedition passed			Interpretive	Camping Rules
				Connection	Sign	
Bird's Blue Hole	0	11-19-03		none		no camping
Commerce Access	39	11-22-03		bank	yes*	contact City of Commerce
Headwaters Access	49	11-23-03		ramp		contact Little River Drainage District
Red Star Access	53	11-23-03		ramp	yes*	no camping
Juden Creek CA	inland	11-24-03	-	none		no camping
Apple Creek CA	Apple Cr.	11-25-03		ramp	yes	designated areas
Tower Rock CA	80	11-25-03		bank	yes	no camping
Seventy-six CA	91	11-26-03		bank		designated areas
Red Rock Landing	94	11-27-03		bank		designated areas
St. Mary's Access	inland	11-28-03		ramp		contact City of St. Mary's
Marina de Gabouri Access	122	12-03-03		ramp*	yes*	contact City of Ste. Genevieve
Magnolia Hollow CA	129	12-04-03		bank	yes	river-approach-camping; dispersed camping year
G						around, designated during deer season
Truman Park Access	141	12-5-03		ramp		no camping
Teszars Woods/Flamm Access	Meramec	12-6-03		ramp*		no camping
North Riverfront Park Access	189	12-12-03		ramp		contact St. Louis City Parks
Columbia Bottom CA	3 (0-5)	5-14-04	9-23-06	ramp	yes (two)	river-approach-camping
Pelican Island Access	11	5-15-04	9-22-06	ramp		river-approach-camping
Pelican Island CA	11-16	5-15-04	9-22-06	bank		river-approach-camping
St. Stanislaus CA	22	5-16-04	9-22-06	bank	yes	river-approach-camping
Blanchette Landing Access	27	5-16-04	9-22-06	ramp		Contact City of St. Charles
Riverwoods CA	29	5-20-04	9-21-06	bank		river-approach-camping
Howell Island CA	45-49	5-22-04	9-21-06	bank		river-approach-camping
Weldon Spring CA	48	5-23-04	9-21-06	ramp	yes	river-approach-camping

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Engelman Woods NA	inland (55)	5-24-04	9-21-06	none		no camping
Washington City Access	68	5-25-04	9-21-06	ramp	yes*	contact City of Washington
Colter's Landing Access	Boeuf Cr. (78)	5-26-04	9-20-06	ramp	yes	river-approach-camping
New Haven City Access	81	5-26-04	9-20-06	ramp	yes*	contact City of New Haven
Hermann City Access	98	5-27-04	9-20-06	ramp	yes*	contact City of Hermann
Gasconade Park Access	105	5-27,28- 04	9-20-06	ramp	yes	designated areas
Grand Bluff CA	inland (108)	5-29-04	9-20-06	none	yes	no camping
Tate Island CA	112	5-30-04	9-20-06	bank		river-approach-camping
Chamois Access	118	5-30-04	9-20-06	ramp	yes*	contact City of Chamois
Mokane Access	125	6-1-04	9-20-06	ramp		designated areas
Smoky Waters CA	130-135	6-1,2-04	9-20-06	bank	yes	river-approach-camping
Bonnots Mill Access	Osage (130)	6-1-04	9-20-06	ramp		designated areas
Mari-Osa Access	Osage (130)	6-1-04	9-20-06	ramp		designated areas
Moreau 50 Access	Moreau (133)	6-3-04	9-19-06	ramp	yes	no camping
Noren Access	144	6-4-04	9-19-06	ramp	yes	contact City of Jefferson
Capitol View Access	148	6-4-04	9-19-06	ramp		no camping
Marion Access	158	6-4-04	9-19-06	ramp	yes	designated areas
Hartsburg Access	160	6-5-04	9-19-06	ramp		no camping
Hart Creek CA	inland (160)		9-19-06	none		dispersed primitive camping
Marion Bottoms CA	158-163	6-5-04	9-19-06	bank		river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Plowboy Bend CA	167-172	6-5-04	9-19-06	bank		river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Providence Access	Perche Cr (170)	6-6-04	9-19-06	ramp		no camping
Eagle Bluffs CA	170-178	6-6-04	9-19-06	bank	yes	river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Rocheport Cave CA	inland (183)	6-7-04	9-19-06	bank		designated areas (Katy Trail access only)
Overton Bottoms (south) CA	178-185	6-7-04	9-19-06	bank		river-approach-camping
Taylor's Landing Access	185	6-7-04	9-19-06	ramp		designated areas
Diana Bend CA	187-190	6-7-04	9-19-06	bank		river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Davisdale CA	inland	6-7-04	9-19-06	bank		designated areas
Franklin Island CA	192-195	6-7-04	9-19-06	ramp	yes	designated areas
DeBourgmont Access	Lamine	6-8-04	9-18-06	ramp	yes	no camping
Glasgow Stump Island Access	226	6-10-04	9-18-06	ramp		contact City of Glasgow

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Lewis Mill Access	L. Chariton	6-10-04	9-18-06	ramp		designated areas
Dalton Bottoms Access	Chariton (239)	6-12-04	9-18-06	bank		designated areas under construction
Brunswick Access	Grand (250)	6-13-04	9-18-06	ramp		designated areas
Miami Access	263	6-14-04	9-17-06	ramp	yes*	designated areas
Grand Pass CA	266-272	6-15-04	9-17-06	bank	yes	river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Baltimore Bend CA	inland (298)	6-19-04	9-16-06	none		dispersed primitive camping
Pigg's Landing Access	Fishing R. (334)	6-23-04	9-16-06	ramp		designated areas
Fort Osage Access	337	6-23-04	9-16-06	ramp	yes*	contact Jackson County Parks
Cooley Lake CA	341	6-24-04	9-15-06	ramp	yes (2)	river-approach-camping
Liberty Bend CA	351	6-25-04	9-15-06	bank		river-approach-camping
La Benite Access	353	6-25-04	9-15-06	ramp		contact City of Sugar Creek
Kansas City Riverfront	363	6-26-04	9-15-06	ramp		contact Kansas City
Access	(077)		0.45.07			
White Alloe Creek CA	inland (377)	6-30-04	9-15-06	ramp*		no camping
Parma Woods Range	inland (383)	6-30-04	9-15-06	none		no camping
Schimmel City Access	Platte (391)	7-1-04	9-15-06	ramp		no camping
Little Bean Marsh	inland (415)	7-3-04	9-14-06	none	yes	no camping
Bluffwoods CA & Annex	inland	7-5-04	9-14-06	none		designated areas
Jentell Brees Access	437	7-6-04	9-13-06	ramp	yes	river-approach-camping
Kneib Memorial CA	inland	7-6-04	9-13-06	none		no camping
Dupree Memorial CA	450	7-7-04	9-12-06	bank		river-approach-camping
French Bottoms Access	450	7-7-04	9-12-06	ramp	yes	contact City of St. Joseph
Sunbridge Hills CA	inland (458)	7-8-04	9-12-06	none	yes	no camping
Worthwine Island CA	457-460	7-8-04	9-11-06	bank		river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Nodaway Island Access	462.1	7-8-04	9-11-06	ramp	yes	river-approach-camping
Tom Brown Access	462.9	7-8-04	9-11-06	bank		river-approach-camping
Monkey Mountain CA	inland	7-8-04	9-11-06	none		designated areas
Payne Landing Access	477	7-9-04	9-11-06	ramp		river-approach-camping
Riverbreaks CA	inland (477)	7-9-04	9-11-06	none		designated areas
Bob Brown CA	483-487	7-10-04	9-11-06	none	yes	river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Rush Bottom CA	500-502	7-13-06	9-10-06	bank		river-approach-camping

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Thurnau CA	508	7-13-06	9-10-06	ramp	yes	river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Deroin Bend CA	517-522	7-14-06	9-10-06	bank		river-approach-camping plus designated areas
Hoot Owl Bend Access	525	7-15-04	9-10-06	bank	yes	designated areas
Langdon Bend Access	531	7-15-04	9-10-06	ramp	yes	designated areas
Nishnabotna CA	542-544	7-16-04	9-10-06	bank		river-approach-camping
Watson Access	542	7-16-04	9-10-06	ramp	yes	designated areas
Star Hill School Prairie CA	inland	7-16,17-04	9-9-06	none	yes	designated areas
Lower Hamburg Bend CA	547-553	7-18-04	9-9-06	bank		river-approach-camping plus designated areas

<sup>\*</sup>sign or ramp site is not managed by MDC; sign may be located elsewhere than the Conservation department area

## Excerpts From The Wildlife Code Of Missouri 3 CSR 10-11.110 General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes restricted activities on department areas.

(1) The following activities are allowed on department areas only where and as authorized by this chapter or by signs and area brochures or by a special use permit issued by the area manager: swimming, sailboarding, sailboating, skateboarding, boating, entry on areas closed to public use, bicycling, camping, shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping, collecting or possessing wild plants and wild animals and unprocessed parts thereof, removal of water, commercial use, vending, fires outside of designated camping areas, rock collecting, digging and other soil disturbance, field trials, horseback riding, ranging of horses and other livestock, possession of pets and hunting dogs, caving, rock climbing, rappelling, paint-balling, scuba diving, water skiing, the use and possession of vehicles and aircraft, the use of decoys, and the use or construction of blinds and tree stands.

## 3 CSR 10-11.140 Camping

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for camping on department areas.

(1) Camping is permitted only within areas designated by signs or brochures. Stays are limited to a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days in any thirty (30)-day period, with the period to commence the date the site is occupied or camping within any given department area first occurs. Personal property must be removed at the end of the fourteen (14)-day period. Total camping days on all Department of Conservation lands are limited to thirty (30) days within one (1) calendar year. Camping requests in excess of thirty (30) days within a calendar year may be granted with a special use permit. On those areas

with established campsites, only two (2) camping or sleeping units are permitted in each site. Quiet hours are effective from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily. Visitors who are not occupying a campsite are required to leave the campground by 10:00 p.m. Quiet hours are defined as the cessation of excessive noise from people or any mechanical device which causes disturbance to other campers. Camping fees are required at some areas. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit prior to camping.